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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch Station/

## REPORT

Date June 30, 1938

Subject. Communication dated 23-6-38 from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning E.A. Beroff and O.P. Manjeley.

Made by D.S.O. Prokofiev. Forwarded by *A. Prokofiev*

Poris Alexandrovich BEROFF and his wife Olga Pavlovna MANJELEY, Soviet citizens, ballet artists by profession, are reported to have first appeared in the Far East in 1927 when they arrived in Harbin from the U.S.S.R. being engaged to perform in a local theatre. In 1928 they visited Shanghai and during the autumn of the same year proceeded to Manila with A. Carpi's "Parisian Review Company". They returned to Shanghai in January, 1929 and shortly afterwards left for Harbin. In 1932 they visited Shanghai as members of A. Carpi's Light Opera Company. Since that time they are reported to have been residing mostly in Harbin and from that city to have visited other cities and ports in the Far East. In August, 1938 they arrived in Shanghai from Harbin and until the close of the season were connected with the Russian Light Opera Company.

While in Shanghai they did not come to Police notice in connection with any activities of an undesirable character.

*A. Prokofiev*

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D. S. (Special Branch).

KOMMUNAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No.1911.

SHANGHAI.

23rd

June 1939.

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A. S. B. I. 9222

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that BORIS ALEXANDROVITCH SEROV (Serooff), and his wife OLGA PAVLOVNA MANJELEY, have applied to this Consulate General for a vise for admission into the Netherlands Indies.

Boris Serov is in possession of a Soviet passport No.012053, issued by the Soviet Consulate at Harbin on May 21, 1937, valid until December 12, 1937, and afterwards extended at Shanghai until June 6, 1940.

According to this document he is born at Odessa on December 12, 1898.

His wife is in possession of a Soviet passport No.012054, issued by the Soviet Consulate at Harbin on May 21, 1937 valid until October 10, 1937, and afterwards extended at Shanghai until April 19, 1940. She is stated to have been born at Odessa on December 30, 1903.

Both persons have been connected with the Russian Light Opera at Shanghai, he as a Producer and Balletmaster and she as a Prima Ballerina.

They intend to enter into a contract with the Cabaret Hellendoorn at Sourabaia, however before they decide to sign the contract they wish to know whether a vise for admission into the Netherlands Indies will be granted.

I should be obliged to you if you would let me know, if possible, whether anything is known against these persons from a political and moral point of view.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

To the Deputy Commissioner  
Special Branch. Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

July 1

39.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.1911 dated 23rd, June, 1939, and in reply to inform you that there is nothing in Municipal Police records against B.A. Seroff and his wife O.P. Manjeley. A copy of report concerning them is attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Deputy Commissioner  
(Special Branch)

Consul-General for the Netherlands,

Shanghai.

Consulaat-Generaal der Nederlanden voor Midden-China

Tel.: 111 "Netherlands"  
Postbox 81.155.6  
No. 2036.

Shanghai. 4th July 1939.,  
9 Rue de France

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, No.D.9282, concerning B.A.Seroff and his wife O.P. Manjeley, and thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Consul-General.

To the Deputy Commissioner,  
Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.